Annual Dinner Invitations in Mail; Wright, Lewis Name Honorary Group

Invitations were mailed this week for the 27th Annual OPC Awards Dinner — April 22 at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Even before formal invitations went out to a wide list of stateside members, communications media and corporate headquarters, a number of companies began reserving tables. Additional invitations will be sent next week to members stationed abroad.

Co-chairmen Ben Wright and Boyd Lewis this week announced the 1966 Honorary Committee for the dinner, including top news executives from all media. They are:

Jess L. Ballew, Saturday Evening Post publisher; Dean Edward W. Barrett, Dean, Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University; Gardner Cowles, board chairman and editor-in-chief. Cowles Magazines and Broadcasting; Hedley Donovan, Time, Inc., editor-inchief; Osborn Elliott, Newsweek editor; Shelton Fisher, McGraw Hill president; Wes Gallagher, AP general manager; Leonard Goldenson, ABC, Inc., president; Harry F. Guggenheim, Newsday president, William R. Hearst, Jr., Hearst papers editor-in-chief; James A. Linen, Time, Inc., president; Elmer Lower, ABC News president; Richard D. Peters, New York World Telegram & Sun editor; Vermont Royster, Wall Street Journal editor; Frank Stanton, CBS president; Dorothy Schiff, New York Post publisher; Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, New York Times president and publisher; Roger Tatarian, UPI vice president and and editor; Mims Thomason, UPI president; DeWitt Wallace, Reader's Digest publisher; and John Hay Whitney, New York Ilerald Tribune editor-inchief.

Wright and Lewis urged early reservations to assure preferred locations in the Waldorf-Astoria ballroom. They said a major objective will be a record attendance of Club members.

Attendance is expected to be well over 1,000 members and guests at the gournet dinner, which will be highlighted by the presentation of the annual OPC Awards for excellence in foreign news coverage. A dance will follow.

Ticket prices have been held to the 1965 level, at \$20 per member and first guest, and \$50 for other guests.

A special office has been set up on the Club's fourth floor for Dinner Coordinator Martha Palmer. Dial LW 4-3537.